

TO: Deer Park CAER/LEPC Team

13-151

SUBJECT: Minutes of March 22, 2016 - Hosted by the City of Deer Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self introductions were given by John Carroll of Witt O'Brien's; David Shirley of Texas Parks and Wildlife; Susan Cutler of Shell Oil Company; Rick Anorga of North Channel LEPC; and Northon Holiday and Tracey Donahoo of USA Environment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEPC MISSION/FUNCTION (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

There were no comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Gary Jackson and seconded by Ricky Anorga to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Ricky Anorga to accept the financial report for February 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Robert Hemminger, Communications Subcommittee Chair, reported:

Level Report – Level II/III - Robert Hemminger, Deer Park Emergency Management Coordinator and Deer Park LEPC Communications Subcommittee Chair, advised the LEPC that Shell, OxyVinyls and ITC had incidents in March.

ITC – There being no representative from ITC for a report, Robert Hemminger advised they can give a report of their incident at the next meeting.

OxyVinyls - Kevin Machemehl, Oxy Vinyls, reported “On March 3rd, there was a pinhole leak on our ammonia vapor line at our Deer Park PVC site. Level 2 was reported due to close proximity to Dow and wind direction. Fence line monitoring was unremarkable and the incident was secured and all clear called in approximately 10 minutes. On March 19th, there was a one inch VCM vapor line flange leak, IH monitoring at the fence line was unremarkable. The leak was secured and an all clear was called with fifteen minutes of discovery.”

Shell - Stephen Greco, Shell, reported, “On March 9th, there was a breach in the containment wall due to high levels of rainfall. The rainwater reached into the Patrick's Bayou. On March 16, there was a leaking gas line at 8:30 p.m. There was an emergency shutdown. The emergency response teams were dispatched

for mitigated vapors. We called the incident in as a Level II. That's from our own internal procedures if it goes from one unit to the next. However, the vapors stayed within the property lines."

Robert Hemminger reminded everyone if an incident is posted as Level II, to update the E-Notify System midway through or an hour into the incident to let everyone know the incident is under control if it's ongoing.

Norma Hysler, Community Awareness Subcommittee Chair, reported:

Website – "The Web Design Class is working on the Wally website for the next two weeks and everything else is set. We are meeting today to discuss the website."

Stephen Greco, Emergency Response/Transportation Subcommittee Chair, reported:

2016 Drill – "The committee met on March 9th. I would like to thank everyone who attended. We started off with the history of the committee and discussed where we need to go. Based on the discussion, we talked about the EPA rules, that all plants should conduct location exercises. We want to start conducting drills between the City of Deer Park, EOC and the member facility. Our action plan is going to be working towards that. We are in the process of developing a questionnaire on the ideas for participation in the drill. We also talked about the possibility of doing a reverse Level I Drill program which has worked well with the neighboring LEPC. It is part of the notification process. We discussed the role on the transportation side, but we will focus more on the drills and exercises."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rick Anorga, North Channel LEPC, advised every one the Greater Harris County LEPC has been reactivated and the first meeting will be on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Harris County Department of Education, 6300 Irvington, RM. 502, Houston, TX 77022 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. "I will attend the meeting and be a part of that LEPC also. We will be discussing ways to merge other LEPC's that are not as active."

Robert Hemminger advised every one of the National Weather Service will host the National Hurricane Center and the Hurricane Hunter Aircrafts in our area. The meeting will be in Galveston at Scholes Airport on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. It's open to the public and free of charge. At the next meeting Mr. Hemminger will provide the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on April 26, 2016 (4th Tuesday) at Deer Park City Hall.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Acting Secretary/Treasurer

James Stokes
Chairman

